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SUBJECT: CZECH REPUBLIC IN FAVOR OF OPEN SKIES AGREEMENT

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11. Econoff delivered reftel demarche concerning the upcoming vote on the US-EU Open Skies Agreement to Ministry of Transportation Deputy Minister for Legislative and EU Affairs Daniela Kovalcikova, who will accompany Transportation Minister Ales Rebicek to the March 22-23 Ministerial vote in Brussels. Kovalcikova confirmed Czech support for the Agreement. She explained that member states appear united in their support and said that she expects the Agreement will be adopted. Kovalcikova informed that a preliminary vote will take place March 14 at COREPER, where all member states will publicly declare their positions.

12. MFA Department of Internal Markets and Related Policies Director Tomas Buril said his ministry also supports the Agreement and is confident it will be adopted by all EU member states in Brussels.  
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